phenomena, their process of origination and their
provenance. What happens in sleep is that our
consciousness withdraws from the field of its waking
•experiences; it is supposed to be resting, suspended
•or in abeyance, but that is a superficial view of the
matter. What is in abeyance is the waking activities,
what is at rest is the surface mind and the normal
conscious action of the bodily part of us: but the
inner consciousness is not suspended, it enters into
new inner activities, only a part of which, a part
happening or recorded in something of us that is
near to the surface, we remember. There is main-
tained in sleep, thus near the surface, an obscure
subconscious element which is a receptacle or
passage for our dream-experiences and itself also a
dream-builder; but behind it is the depth and mass
of the subliminal, the totality of our concealed inner
being and consciousness which is of quite another
order. Normally it is a subconscient part in us,
intermediate between consciousness and pure incon-
:science, that sends up through this surface layer its
formations in the shape of dreams, constructions
marked by an apparent inconsequence and in-
coherence. Many of these are fugitive

structures
built upon circumstances of our present
life selected
•apparently at random and surrounded
with a
phantasy of variation; others call back
the past, or
rather selected circumstances and
persons of the
past, as a starling-point for similar
fleeting edifices.
'There are other dreams of the
subconscious which
.seem to be pure phantasy without any
such initia-